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Montana Livestock Estimates By Counties and Districts - 2003-2005

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The Montana Agricultural Statistics Service compiles the only annual county estimates for Montana. These county statistics are based on livestock surveys conducted during the fall of 2004 and beginning of 2005. Questionnaires were sent to a sample of farmers and ranchers throughout Montana asking for information on their livestock inventories. About 6,900 questionnaires were tabulated. Thanks to those who participated!

Peggy Stringer
Director

All Cattle and Beef Cows Inventory by Counties, January 1, 2003-2005

County and District	All Cattle and Calves				Beef Cows and Heifers That Have Calved			
	2003	2004	2005	Rank	2003	2004	2005	Rank
Deer Lodge	8,900	8,800	8,900	52	6,200	6,200	6,500	53
Flathead	15,000	13,900	11,900	51	6,100	7,300	6,600	51
Granite	21,900	21,000	21,300	41	15,000	15,300	15,800	40
Lake	46,000	46,000	44,000	21	30,300	32,000	30,100	17
Lincoln	3,300	2,800	2,900	55	2,100	2,000	1,800	55
Mineral	1,000	900	700	56	600	500	400	56
Missoula	10,900	8,600	8,700	53	6,800	6,400	6,600	51
Powell	44,000	44,000	41,000	26	28,600	29,900	29,600	18
Ravalli	34,000	35,000	34,000	32	17,900	18,300	18,700	35
Sanders	19,000	18,000	17,600	45	12,400	12,100	12,900	42
Other	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
NORTHWEST	**204,000**	**199,000**	**191,000**	**--**	**126,000**	**130,000**	**129,000**	**--**
Blaine	65,000	64,000	67,000	11	40,000	43,000	46,000	6
Chouteau	35,000	34,000	34,000	32	22,100	21,800	23,700	29
Glacier	42,000	41,000	43,000	23	29,600	31,000	32,800	15
Hill	22,500	22,500	21,000	42	15,300	16,000	16,200	39
Liberty	13,500	12,700	12,400	50	8,300	8,700	8,800	50
Phillips	73,000	71,000	69,000	10	46,000	47,000	47,000	5
Pondera	24,300	24,000	23,300	38	15,800	15,900	16,600	38
Teton	52,000	51,000	45,000	20	29,000	34,000	25,200	27
Toole	13,700	13,800	13,300	48	8,900	10,600	9,700	48
Other	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
NORTH CENTRAL	**341,000**	**334,000**	**328,000**	**--**	**215,000**	**228,000**	**226,000**	**--**
Daniels	16,400	14,600	14,600	47	11,800	11,700	11,900	45
Dawson	46,000	45,000	39,000	28	28,800	28,100	26,200	24
Garfield	63,000	62,000	61,000	12	40,000	39,000	37,000	12
McCone	34,000	33,000	28,000	35	23,100	22,900	20,300	34
Richland	66,000	59,000	56,000	17	30,600	30,300	26,900	21
Roosevelt	31,400	32,400	31,300	34	20,600	22,800	23,500	30
Sheridan	27,200	28,000	24,100	37	16,100	16,200	17,200	37
Valley	84,000	88,000	86,000	5	49,000	57,000	51,000	4
Other	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
NORTHEAST	**368,000**	**362,000**	**340,000**	**--**	**220,000**	**228,000**	**214,000**	**--**
Broadwater	18,800	17,300	16,600	46	12,000	11,900	11,400	46
Cascade	69,000	68,000	70,000	9	44,000	44,000	45,000	8
Fergus	98,000	95,000	94,000	3	68,000	67,000	67,000	2
Golden Valley	15,000	13,000	13,200	49	8,700	8,200	8,900	49
Judith Basin	53,000	54,000	58,000	13	30,300	32,000	32,500	16
Lewis & Clark	41,000	40,000	40,000	27	25,000	26,200	26,200	24
Meagher	47,000	48,000	47,000	19	26,200	27,100	27,900	20
Musselshell	37,000	36,600	37,100	29	22,400	22,800	23,000	31
Petroleum	19,200	17,700	18,000	44	12,100	12,800	12,700	43
Wheatland	29,000	26,400	26,100	36	19,300	18,000	17,400	36
Other	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
CENTRAL	**427,000**	**416,000**	**420,000**	**--**	**268,000**	**270,000**	**272,000**	**--**
Beaverhead	139,000	133,000	138,000	1	76,000	78,000	79,000	1
Gallatin	54,000	54,000	57,000	15	22,900	22,800	22,700	32
Jefferson	24,000	23,500	22,300	40	14,800	14,800	15,100	41
Madison	73,000	70,000	73,000	8	45,000	45,000	45,000	8
Silver Bow	6,000	5,500	5,700	54	4,300	4,400	4,200	54
Other	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
SOUTHWEST	**296,000**	**286,000**	**296,000**	**--**	**163,000**	**165,000**	**166,000**	**--**
Big Horn	89,000	87,000	90,000	4	55,000	58,000	56,000	3
Carbon	55,000	56,000	57,000	15	28,700	29,600	26,600	23
Park	41,000	42,000	42,000	24	25,900	26,000	26,700	22
Stillwater	48,000	49,000	44,000	21	26,500	28,500	24,200	28
Sweetgrass	41,000	40,000	36,000	30	26,900	27,000	25,300	26
Treasure	25,000	23,000	23,000	39	10,000	9,900	10,200	47
Yellowstone	130,000	128,000	120,000	2	35,000	40,000	34,000	14
Other	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
SOUTH CENTRAL	**429,000**	**425,000**	**412,000**	**--**	**208,000**	**219,000**	**203,000**	**--**
Carter	57,000	53,000	53,000	18	38,000	36,000	36,000	13
Custer	89,000	84,000	74,000	7	47,000	46,000	39,000	11
Fallon	43,000	45,000	42,000	24	26,500	29,000	28,000	19
Powder River	61,000	62,000	58,000	13	39,000	41,000	40,000	10
Prairie	35,000	35,000	36,000	30	19,500	20,500	21,000	33
Rosebud	78,000	78,000	81,000	6	49,000	47,000	46,000	6
Wibaux	22,000	21,000	19,000	43	13,000	12,500	12,000	44
Other	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
SOUTHEAST	**385,000**	**378,000**	**363,000**	**--**	**232,000**	**232,000**	**222,000**	**--**
MONTANA	**2,450,000**	**2,400,000**	**2,350,000**	**--**	**1,432,000**	**1,472,000**	**1,432,000**	**--**

Milk Cows and Sheep Inventory by Counties, January 1, 2003-2005 1/

County and District	Milk Cow and Heifers That Have Calved				All Sheep and Lambs`			
	2003	2004	2005	Rank	2003	2004	2005	Rank
Deer Lodge	--	--	--	--	1,100	1,200	600	48
Flathead	900	900	800	5	600	700	700	47
Granite	--	--	--	--	500	500	--	--
Lake	1,100	1,000	900	3	1,800	1,600	1,800	37
Lincoln	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Mineral	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Missoula	--	--	--	--	1,800	1,500	1,800	37
Powell	--	--	--	--	900	800	800	44
Ravalli	1,600	1,500	1,400	2	4,500	3,800	4,100	25
Sanders	--	--	--	--	--	600	600	48
Other	400	400	400	--	1,000	300	600	--
NORTHWEST	**4,000**	**3,800**	**3,500**	--	**12,200**	**11,000**	**11,000**	--
Blaine	--	--	--	--	9,300	11,900	--	--
Chouteau	--	--	--	--	1,000	1,200	1,300	41
Glacier	500	600	600	9	500	700	800	44
Hill	--	--	--	--	--	1,000	1,200	43
Liberty	500	600	600	9	--	--	--	--
Phillips	--	--	--	--	4,100	4,500	5,200	21
Pondera	500	600	700	6	4,500	4,600	5,000	22
Teton	500	500	500	12	6,900	7,200	7,400	11
Toole	--	--	500	12	1,800	1,900	2,100	33
Other	900	800	500	--	900	--	10,000	--
NORTH CENTRAL	**2,900**	**3,100**	**3,400**	--	**29,000**	**33,000**	**33,000**	--
Daniels	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Dawson	--	--	--	--	7,500	6,400	5,600	18
Garfield	--	--	--	--	36,100	33,000	30,200	2
McCone	--	--	--	--	7,100	6,000	6,000	17
Richland	--	--	--	--	7,100	7,000	7,000	14
Roosevelt	--	--	--	--	3,800	4,000	2,500	31
Sheridan	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Valley	--	--	--	--	4,900	6,000	3,000	28
Other	--	--	--	--	1,500	1,600	1,700	--
NORTHEAST	--	--	--	--	**68,000**	**64,000**	**56,000**	--
Broadwater	--	--	--	--	--	3,400	--	--
Cascade	700	700	700	6	10,100	9,800	8,000	10
Fergus	--	--	500	12	6,700	6,400	7,400	11
Golden Valley	--	--	--	--	--	10,700	12,000	6
Judith Basin	--	--	--	--	7,600	7,500	7,300	13
Lewis & Clark	--	--	--	--	3,800	3,200	--	--
Meagher	--	--	--	--	5,000	4,500	5,000	22
Musselshell	--	--	--	--	6,700	5,900	5,300	20
Petroleum	--	--	--	--	3,200	3,100	2,000	36
Wheatland	--	--	600	9	16,100	15,500	17,000	3
Other	1,600	1,500	700	--	15,800	--	6,000	--
CENTRAL	**2,300**	**2,200**	**2,500**	--	**75,000**	**70,000**	**70,000**	--
Beaverhead	--	--	--	--	16,000	15,200	16,000	4
Gallatin	6,600	6,700	6,100	1	5,000	4,800	5,000	22
Jefferson	--	--	--	--	--	--	800	44
Madison	--	--	--	--	4,900	5,100	--	--
Silver Bow	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Other	200	200	200	--	1,100	900	7,200	--
SOUTHWEST	**6,800**	**6,900**	**6,300**	--	**27,000**	**26,000**	**29,000**	--
Big Horn	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Carbon	--	--	--	--	8,800	8,200	8,700	9
Park	--	--	--	--	2,100	2,000	2,100	33
Stillwater	--	--	--	--	6,000	5,700	7,000	14
Sweetgrass	--	--	--	--	8,700	8,900	9,900	8
Treasure	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Yellowstone	1,100	1,000	900	3	4,600	3,700	3,500	27
Other	300	300	200	--	1,600	1,500	1,800	--
SOUTH CENTRAL	**1,400**	**1,300**	**1,100**	--	**31,800**	**30,000**	**33,000**	--
Carter	--	--	--	--	40,200	39,600	43,000	1
Custer	--	--	--	--	5,600	5,300	5,600	18
Fallon	--	--	--	--	2,300	2,300	2,500	31
Powder River	--	--	--	--	12,000	11,500	14,200	5
Prairie	--	--	--	--	3,600	3,800	3,800	26
Rosebud	--	--	--	--	1,900	2,000	2,100	33
Wibaux	--	--	--	--	1,400	1,500	1,800	37
Other	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
SOUTHEAST	--	--	--	--	**67,000**	**66,000**	**73,000**	--
OTHER DISTRICT	**600**	**700**	**1,200**		--	--	--	
MONTANA	18,000	18,000	18,000	--	310,000	300,000	305,000	--

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Hogs and Chickens Inventory by Counties and/or Districts, December 1, 2002-2004 1/

County and District	Hogs & Pigs				Chickens		
	2002	2003	2004	Rank	2002	2003	2004
Deer Lodge	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Flathead	3,000	1,500	1,400	19	--	--	--
Granite	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Lake	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Lincoln	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Mineral	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Missoula	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Powell	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Ravalli	900	--	--	--	--	--	--
Sanders	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Other	600	700	300	--	9,000	6,500	6,000
NORTHWEST	**4,500**	**2,200**	**1,700**	**--**	**9,000**	**6,500**	**6,000**
Blaine	9,100	6,700	--	--	--	--	--
Chouteau	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Glacier	20,100	19,000	20,800	1	--	--	--
Hill	--	8,000	8,400	8	--	--	--
Liberty	15,400	15,000	15,900	4	--	--	--
Phillips	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pondera	16,500	20,000	18,000	2	--	--	--
Teton	16,100	14,300	13,100	6	--	--	--
Toole	15,100	16,500	15,700	5	--	--	--
Other	17,700	8,500	13,100	--	295,000	298,000	280,000
NORTH CENTRAL	**110,000**	**108,000**	**105,000**	**--**	**295,000**	**298,000**	**280,000**
Daniels	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Dawson	1,100	--	1,400	19	--	--	--
Garfield	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
McCone	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Richland	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Roosevelt	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Sheridan	1,500	--	--	--	--	--	--
Valley	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Other	1,200	2,500	1,600	--	3,000	3,000	3,000
NORTHEAST	**3,800**	**2,500**	**3,000**	**--**	**3,000**	**3,000**	**3,000**
Broadwater	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Cascade	14,400	15,300	16,300	3	--	--	--
Fergus	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Golden Valley	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Judith Basin	600	--	--	--	--	--	--
Lewis & Clark	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Meagher	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Musselshell	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Petroleum	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Wheatland	7,000	9,000	9,400	7	--	--	--
Other	16,800	17,700	15,300	--	150,000	149,000	163,000
CENTRAL	**38,800**	**42,000**	**41,000**	**--**	**150,000**	**149,000**	**163,000**
Beaverhead	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Gallatin	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Jefferson	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Madison	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Silver Bow	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Other	4,400	4,000	4,300	--	3,000	2,500	2,000
SOUTHWEST	**4,400**	**4,000**	**4,300**	**--**	**3,000**	**2,500**	**2,000**
Big Horn	--	1,800	1,700	18	--	--	--
Carbon	--	800	--	--	--	--	--
Park	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Stillwater	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Sweetgrass	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Treasure	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Yellowstone	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Other	11,000	6,400	6,300	--	17,000	23,000	--
SOUTH CENTRAL	**11,000**	**9,000**	**8,000**	**--**	**17,000**	**23,000**	**--**
Carter	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Custer	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Fallon	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Powder River	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Prairie	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Rosebud	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Wibaux	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Other	2,500	2,300	2,000	--	3,000	3,000	--
SOUTHEAST	**2,500**	**2,300**	**2,000**	**--**	**3,000**	**3,000**	**--**
OTHER DISTRICT	**--**	**--**	**--**		**--**	**--**	**26,000**
MONTANA	**175,000**	**170,000**	**165,000**	**--**	**480,000**	**485,000**	**480,000**

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